

Salon at Mac-O-Chee



May 25, 2015
11:00 am - 5:00 pm
Mac-O-Chee Castle

2319 St. Rt. 297
West Liberty, Ohio 43357
Two miles east of West Liberty

*Admission is free for residents of Logan
and Champaign Counties.*

Kick off Mac-O-Chee Castle's Centennial Season with an exploration of some of the cultural ideas that defined 19th-century America. Donn Piatt, Mac-O-Chee's original owner, was a journalist who published many contemporary writers, including poet Sarah Morgan Bryan Piatt.

Share Donn Piatt's passion for knowledge by hearing about current research being done by graduate students at The Ohio State University, where Dr. Elizabeth Renker studies and teaches the works of Sarah Piatt.



1:00 pm, second floor den

Andrew Sydlík presents research on cultural attitudes toward disability at this time and shows how ideas about stuttering included programs for "moral" improvement.

1:45 pm, first floor library

Emily Corey discusses her research on married poets, specifically the Piatts and the Brownings. She explores culture's images of marriage and female writers.

2:30 pm, second floor den

Ebony Bailey presents her work on the circulation of Sarah Piatt's poem "The Black Princess" in anthologies and newspapers. She examines how African-American writer Pauline Hopkins used Piatt's poem in her own novels to explore cultural ideas about African Americans, especially women.

3:15 pm, first floor library

Matthew Connolly discusses Sarah Piatt's writings about Ireland in the context of massive waves of Irish emigration to the United States.

4:00 pm, second floor den

Ayendy Bonifacio showcases his work in progress toward a web edition of Sarah Piatt's early poems - the poems she published in the NEW YORK LEDGER between 1857-1861, which are not currently in print.